

British Vice Consulate,
Whampoa, China,
29. Decr. 1864.

My dear Dr. Gray,

By the kindness of Capt. Browne of the "Haddington," which left here for New York on the 30th ulto., I sent you a packet of dried plants, all carefully prepared and labelled, and with which I hope you will be pleased. Capt. Browne promised to see that the parcel was sent on to Cambridge; but in case any unforeseen accident or delay should occur, I think it as well to advise you independently, by a letter sent via England, in order that you may, in the event of such a contingency, apply to the consignees for information. It contains other than Chinese plants, but I dare say all will be acceptable more or less. I have inclosed a letter in the parcel so that it is not worth while writing now at any length. From the length of time that has elapsed since I have heard from you, I am almost apprehensive

that my last parcels & letters come
how or other miscarried. But if, as I
trust, the present collection reaches
your hands in safety, I indulge a
hope that I may soon hear from
you, and that you may have it
in your power to make me up a
small contribution to my herbarium.
I have so often given ideas of my
favorite dicotyledons, that it is not
worth while recapitulating them
here, so I will merely remind
you that perfect and authentically
named specimens of your Alva
and of Flumaceae generally, &
plants from the to me unknown
district of California would
always be interesting. You sent
me some beautiful Carex, &
I returned you a list of those
in your "Manual," which I do not
pursue, but southward & in the
extreme north I imagine there are
many ~~things~~ - I mean towards

the Arctic part of America. I am
afraid you are not likely to have
any duplicates of Japanese
Carex to spare, but if so, I
should be too glad of them.

Pray believe me to be,
Yours very sincerely
W. W. Ward

You can always address to
me care of Mr. D'Almada,
as formerly.